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- 1. It is reported that all stores belonging to the Handelsorganisation and located within 500 meters of the borders of the western sectors of Berlin were to be closed, effective 15 January 1953. According to another source, all stores are being closed along Brunnenstrasse for the first two blocks from the edge of the French sector.
- 2. There is some indication that new identity documents are to be issued in the Russian zone. Photographic paper sufficient for photographs for 15,000,000 persons has been ordered; and the government is attempting to procure large numbers of metal eyelets to affix the photographs to passes.
- 3. The Reichsbahn is devising means to limit the travel possible on one ticket to 100 kilometers or less. One source states that the limit for employed persons will be 100 kilometers from their places of residence, and for unemployed persons 25 kilometers.

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